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SUBJ: NAVY COMMANDANT REITERATES TERRITORIAL SEA THESIS

1. SPEAKING IN GUAYAQUIL JULY 25 AT THE COMMEMORATION OF THE NAVAL BATTLE OF JAMBELI, ECUADOREAN NAVY CINC VASQUEZ PACHECO HAD THE FOLLOWING TO SAY REGARDING THE 200-MILE CONTROVERSY.

2. "THE ARMED FORCES GOVERNMENT HAS DEFINED WITH NOONDAY CLARITY OUR THESIS OF THE 200-MILE TERRITORIAL SEA, SINCE WE ARE OF THE FIRM CONVICTION THAT FREEDOM OF THE SEAS, NECESSARY FOR MARITIME COMMERCE, CAN BE PERFECTLY PRACTICED AS LONG AS THE LAWS OF THE SHORELINE STATES ARE OBSERVED, AND THAT THE MUCH-DEMANDED FREEDOM NOT SERVE AS COVER FOR THE INDISCRIMINATE EXPLOITATION OF MARITIME RESOURCES...NEITHER DO WE HAVE TO ACCEPT THAT FOREIGN POWERS TRY TO DIVIDE OUR TERRITORIAL SEA INTO ZONES AT THEIR CONVENIENCE (SINCE) THE SOVEREIGNTY OF A STATE DOES NOT LEND ITSELF TO NEGOTIATION OR REGULATION OF ANY SORT."

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3. THE INCIDENT WAS AN OCCASION OF GREAT PATRIOTIC OUT-

POURING, AND EXAGGERATION WOULD HAVE IN ANY CASE BEEN THE ORDER OF THE DAY. HOWEVER, WE HAVE NOT NOTED ANY SIGNIFICANTLY LESS EXTREME POINT OF VIEW IN OUR PAST CONTACTS HERE WITH SENIOR NAVAL OFFICERS.

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